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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/501,168	Applicant(s) DAVIES ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 21 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 11/01/04, with respect to the rejection of claim 17 under 35 USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground of rejection is made in view of DeSantis et al.

2. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 11/01/04, with respect to claims 18-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 18-22 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeSantis et al. (DeSantis), U.S. Patent No. 6,728,540.

Regarding claim 17, DeSantis discloses a method for performing handoffs in a network having at least first and second wireless base stations and at least one wireless terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request from said wireless terminal for a handoff between said first base station to said second base station (col. 6, lines 49-54);

when said second base station does not know said first base station prior to receiving said request (i.e., reads on second base station is not stored in initial adjacency matrix) inherently connecting to said second base station (i.e., reads on base station not identified in handover candidate information) without benefit of information (i.e., reads on handover candidate information stored in adjacency matrix) supplied from said first base station (col. 7, lines 12-17 and 19-24).

What DeSantis does not explicitly disclose is that the wireless terminal receives an indication that it must connect to said second base station.

However, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the mobile in DeSantis would receive notification that an alternative handover candidate is required for the purpose of acknowledging a failed handover attempt (see DeSantis, col. 7, lines 12-24).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-16 and 21-22 are allowed.
6. Claims 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Frodigh et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,920,818, discloses an apparatus and method for controlling communications in a multi-network wireless communication system.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K Contee whose telephone number is 571.272.7906. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 571.272.7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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